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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

ATTENTION : Chief, Geography Division

SUBJECT : Burma-China Border Study

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REFERENCE : [REDACTED]

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1. It is requested that the Geography Division prepare a study of the Burma-China border area, following the tentative outline recently given by [REDACTED] of your office and [REDACTED] 25X1A

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2. The outline was reviewed by the interested area desks of Glandestine Services, and the following suggestions have been submitted for inclusion in the study:

a. The entire Thai autonomous area, which is in the vicinity of Che'li and Chen Yueh, should be included.

b. Detailed rather than brief descriptions of the various ethnic groups and their modes of living are desired.

c. Detailed information on trade routes, types of trade, and transportation would be useful.

We would appreciate being permitted to review the final outline prior to the completion of the study.

3. Considerable interest has been indicated in requesting a similar study of the Indochina-China border area. It is suggested that your office set aside any materials bearing on this area in anticipation of a formal request later.

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4. Questions pertaining to this request should be directed to [REDACTED] on extension 8651.

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